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Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the Bible

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Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the Old Testament:

The Qur'an mentions in Surah Al-Araf chapter 7 verse 157:

"Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (scriptures) in the law and the Gospel".

1. Muhammad (pbuh) prophesised in the book of Deuteronomy:

   Almighty God speaks to Moses in Book of Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 18:

   "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

   The Christians say that this prophecy refers to Jesus (pbuh) because Jesus (pbuh) was like Moses (pbuh). Moses (pbuh) was a Jew as well as Jesus (pbuh) was a Jew. Moses (pbuh) was a Prophet and Jesus (pbuh) was also a Prophet.

   If these two are the only criteria for this prophecy to be fulfilled, then several Prophets of the Bible who came after Moses (pbuh) such as Solomon, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Malachi, John the Baptist, etc. will fulfill this prophecy since all were Jews as well as prophets.

   However, it is Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) who is like Moses (pbuh):

   i) Both had a father and a mother while Jesus was born miraculously without any male intervention.
   [Mathew 1:18 and Luke 1:35 and also Al-Qur'an 3:42-47]

   ii) Both were married and had children.

   iii) Both were accepted as Prophets by their people in their lifetime but Jesus was rejected by his people. John chapter 1 verse 11 states, "He came unto his own, but his own received him not."

   iv) Both besides being Prophets were also kings i.e. they could inflict capital punishment. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36).

v) Both brought new laws and new regulations for their people. Jesus did not bring any new laws. (Mathew 5:17-18).

vi) Both died natural deaths. Jesus has been raised up alive.

Muhammad (pbuh) is from among the brethren of Moses (pbuh). Arabs are brethren of Jews. Abraham (pbuh) had two sons: Ishmail and Isaac. The Arabs are the descendants of Ishmail (pbuh) and the Jews are the descendants of Isaac (pbuh).

Words in the mouth:

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was unlettered and whatever revelations he received from Almighty God he repeated them verbatim.

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

[Deuteronomy 18:18]

2. Muhammad (pbuh) is prophesised in the book of Isaiah:

It is mentioned in the book of Isaiah chapter 29 verse 12:

"And the book is delivered to him that is not learned saying, 'Read this, I pray thee'; and he saith, 'I am not learned'."

When Archangel Gabrail commanded Muhammad (pbuh) by saying 'Iqra', he replied, "I am not learned".

3. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is mentioned by name in the Song of Solomon chapter 5 verse 16:

"Hikko Mamittakim we kullo Muhammadim Zehdoodeh wa Zehraee Bayna Jerusalem."

"His mouth is most sweet: ye, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem."

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Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the Bible

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Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the New Testament:

Al-Qur'an Chapter 61 Verse 6:

"And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said, 'O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allah (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me and giving glad tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmed.' But when he came to them with clear signs, they said, 'This is evident sorcery!' "

All the prophecies mentioned in the Old Testament regarding Muhammad (pbuh) besides applying to the Jews also hold good for the Christians.

1. John chapter 14 verse 16:

   "And I will pray the father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever."

2. Gospel of John chapter 15 verse 26:

   "But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit shall testify of me."

3. Gospel of John chapter 16 verse 7:

   "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you".

   "Ahmed" or "Muhammad" meaning the praised one is almost the translation of the Greek word 'Periclytos'. In Gospel of John 14:16, 15:26, and 16:7 the word 'comforter' is used in the English translation for the Greek word 'Paracletos' which means advocate or a kind friend rather than a comforter. Paracletos is the warped reading for Periclytos. Jesus (pbuh) actually prophesised Ahmed by name. Even the Greek word Paraclete refers to the Holy Prophet who is a mercy for all creatures.

Some Christians say that the comforter mentioned in these prophecies refers to the Holy Sprit. They fail to realise that the prophecy clearly says that only if Jesus (pbuh) departs will the Comforter come. The Bible states that the Holy Spirit was already present on earth before and during the time of Jesus (pbuh), in the womb of Elizabeth, and again when Jesus (pbuh) was being baptised, etc. Hence this prophecy refers to none other than Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

4. Gospel of John chapter 16 verse 12-14:

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but Ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you unto all truth, for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me".

Ten Most Common Allegations (Questions asked) by Christians against Islam

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1. Is it not true that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) has copied the Qur'an from the Bible?

2. Your Qur'an mentions that the Bible is the word of God. Why then do the Muslims not follow the Bible?

3. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is mentioned in your Qur'an 5 times by name and Prophet Jesus is mentioned 25 times by name. Who is greater, a person mentioned 5 times by name or a person who is mentioned 25 times by name, in the Qur'an?

4. Prophet (pbuh) had a mother as well as a father, but Jesus (pbuh) only had a mother and no earthly father. He was born miraculously. Who is greater of the two, a person who has a father or a person who does not have a father?

5. Prophet Jesus (pbuh) gave life to the dead, whereas Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) has not done any such miracle. Who is greater, a person who can give life to the dead or a person who cannot give life to the dead?

6. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) has died about 1400 years ago whereas Jesus (pbuh) was raised up alive according to your Qur'an. Who is greater, a person who is dead or a person who has been raised up alive?

7. It is mentioned in your Qur'an that Mary was the sister of Aaron. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) who wrote the Qur'an did not know the difference between Miriam the sister of Aaron (pbuh) and Mary the mother of Jesus (pbuh), the time span between whom was about a thousand years.

8. Is it not true that your Qur'an mentions in Surah Maryam Ch.19 verse 32-33 that Jesus died and was resurrected?

9. Does not your Qur'an mention that Jesus (pbuh) is "Kalamullah" – "The word of Allah"?

10. Qur'an is not the word of God but the handiwork of Satan.